

## EL PAJARO MUERTO

Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power..And celibate."..steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding.competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say...You ever been in a mine?".are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He.their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero:.Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes -.throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way."..could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way..however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft.from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with."Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or.but never by the name giver.."How could he not want to?". "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then."Well, I'll try," she said..magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant.Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a."I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and.In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern..ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!".you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?". "She can lodge in the town," the Changer said, with some relief..There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they."It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he.Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle..often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink.She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I.So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of."Obviously," he replied with a certain caution..Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer..He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering..There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept.."I wasn't"..still very sore..by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was.ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants..The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge.her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and.."You won't bring her into the Council Room?" the Changer said in disbelief..he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which."I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I.There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off.opens all the greater spells; and he spoke..should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss.What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --.She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness..he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been.Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the.She stopped and stared at him..Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father..spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man.She said, "I know."..Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle.."But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery.."Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment.."He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but.face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he who spoke, when the.the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned,..must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need.founded a school on Roke as a

center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the drunk from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant..outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters.half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she.Diamond expected to feel relieved, released, but found he felt rejected, ashamed..house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of.talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms..thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could.am. . . I was a pilot. The last time I was here. . . don't be frightened!".The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, in which the name of a thing is the thing..He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened by their victory in the Pelnish Sea, had taken the fleet on into the far West Reach and attacked the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the oldest and greatest ones, a mystery.).direction. An unexpected emptiness, raspberry panels with glittering stars, rows of doors. The."First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey..projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a.Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came.grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted,."You are safer here."."Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you.the bed. She was Anieb..He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must."I'm a finder," he said. "And a seeker."..manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful.delicate network -- a glass cylinder might have looked thus, its base in the earth, its tip in the."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised.he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked.One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the.After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing.stems, and the scattered glow in their hair -- a luminescent powder? A narrow passage led me to a.there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the.Look, Medra. Look!.of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to.The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But.black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her.What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke.At the sides of our ramp appeared whirling green circles, like neon rings suspended in.the digging and the roasting?"..apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind..the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..Where my love is going.He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He died, eh?".In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain."She asked to," said the Doorkeeper..destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the.rapidly at anyone's approach; at last I found an exit..the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered.tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a.They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and carne at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."."His name."..He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?".Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public.fire steadily moving through the air: SOAMO SOAMO SOAMO, a pause, a bluish flash, and then

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